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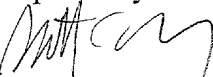
This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated March 29, 2007 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction for:

- Group I. Claims 1-54, drawn to a method of password configuration....
- Group II. Claims 55-56, drawn to a method of managing [network services] payment....

The Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-54 of Group I without traverse. In order to advance prosecution, the Applicants have canceled Claims 55-56 of Group II without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue Claims 55-56 in a future divisional/continuation application. The Applicants agree that the inventions of Groups I and II are distinct. Moreover, the present application is in condition for substantive examination action which is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

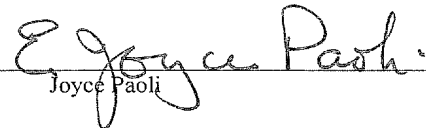
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